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SUBJECT: GOE ANNOUNCES IT WILL NOT ATTEND BUENOS AIRES MFM IF GSP IS
SIGNED

1. THE NATIONAL RADIO BROADCAST AT 4:00 P.M. LOCAL DECEMBER
31 A FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT THAT ECUADOR WOULD NOT
ATTEND THE BUENOS AIRES MFM "WHILE THE MEASURES OF
COERCION CONTEMPLATED IN THE NEW COMMERCIAL LAW OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA EXIST".

2. INFORMAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE RECORDED "SPECIAL
ANNOUNCEMENT" REBROADCAST AT 5:00 P.M. FOLLOWS:
"IN CASE PRESIDENT GERALD FORD OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
SIGNS (SANCIONE) THE NEW COMMERCIAL LAW WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED
BY THE CONGRESS OF THAT COUNTRY, ECUADOR WILL NOT ATTEND THE
BUENOS AIRES MEETING CALLED FOR NEXT MARCH IN ORDER TO
CONTINUE THE NEW DIALOGUE WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC, DR. ANTONIO JOSE
LUCIO PAREDES, DECLARED. SUCH DECISION BY THE NATIONAL
GOVERNMENT IS ADOPTED BECAUSE OF THE COERCIVE MEASURES
AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF OIL EXPORTING
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COUNTRIES (OPEC) WHICH THE NEW LAW APPROVED BY THE CONGRESS

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ESTABLISHES. THE FOREIGN MINISTER ADDED THAT ECUADOR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS TRADITIONAL POLICY OF NOT TOLERATING COERCION OF ANY KIND, COULD NOT ATTEND TO DIALOGUE ("A DIALOGAR") WHILE THE THREAT OF SANCTIONS EXISTS AGAINST THE FREE EXERCISE OF ITS SOVEREIGNTY. AS ECUADOR EXPRESSED IN THE TLATELOLCO MEETING WITH WHICH THE NEW DIALOGUE BEGAN, COERCIVE ACTION, DIRECT OR INDIRECT, WHETHER THREATENED OR CARRIED OUT, TAKES ON SPECIAL SERIOUSNESS WHEN IT HAS ITS ORIGIN IN THE DESIRE TO PERPETUATE THE PRIVILEGES WHICH THE GREAT POWERS HAVE BEEN ENJOYING IN THE FACE OF THE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE APPLICATION OF DISCRIMINATORY MEASURES OF A COERCIVE KIND FORESEEN IN THE REFERENCED LEGISLATION IS UNACCEPTABLE. TODAY IT BECOMES IMPERATIVE TO ELIMINATE THE POLICY OF ECONOMIC COERCION IN THE ENTIRE WORLD DOWN TO ITS LAST VESTIGES. ECUADORE MADE SUCH PROPOSALS AT TLATELOLCO IN ITS CAPACITY OF SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA AND RATIFIED THEM LATER IN THE MEETING IN WASHINGTON IN APRIL, 1974, AT WHICH THE NEW DIALOGUE WAS CONTINUED. CONSEQUENTLY, WITH ALL THAT HAS BEEN SET FORTH, THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR HAS DECIDED NOT TO ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING AT BUENOS AIRES WHILE THE MEASURES OF COERCION CONTEMPLATED IN THE NEW COMMERCIAL LAW OF THE UNITED STATES EXIST."

3. PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ LARA IS SCHEDULED TO MAKE NEW YEARS EVE TELEVISION AND RADIO ADDRESS 8:00 P.M. (LOCAL) DECEMBER 31.
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